

Remembering those who have died

St James's Church has a number of ways in which we enable families to remember loved ones who have died. For clarity and fairness these are set out below.

1. All those who have had a funeral taken by a member of the St James's clergy and/or had a funeral in the church are recorded in the Spire.
2. The next of kin of the above are contacted and invited to the 'All Souls' service in the year following the funeral. They are also invited to have entered the deceased name into the Book of Remembrance, and be added to the names of those who are remembered on Sunday mornings. (This invitation can be extended by the vicar to others who have a strong and recent connection with the parish but whose funeral was conducted elsewhere.) There is a small fee for this.
- 3.1 We inter cremated remains in the Garden of Rest, in unmarked plots. This is usually done as part of a short service led by the clergy. There is a fee for this. No other part of the churchyard is authorised for the burial of cremated remains.
- 3.2 All those whose cremated remains are interred in the Garden of Rest are recorded on the church database / website.
- 4.1 If a family member wishes to donate a tree, bush or other plant they should contact the church office, who will be able to advise on the best choices and spaces. This will not be in the Garden of Rest nor over the interred remains. No planting should take place unless it is authorised by the Church. We can arrange for the planting to be done for the family. Unauthorised plants may be removed. It is not usual for this to be marked by a blessing or any other service, although it might be done as part of the interment of cremated remains.
- 4.2 If a family member wishes to set a plaque in the ground near the planting, details of the approved style and manufacturer can be obtained from the office. Unauthorised plaques may be removed.